

WEEKENDWEATHER

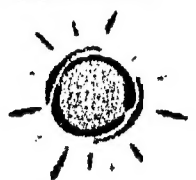
FRIDAY


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SATURDAY


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SUNDAY


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PRESIDENT FOR A DAY

Mortar Board is giving a student the chance to switch roles with President Dean Hubbard for a day. The winner will get to see what it's like to be president, while Hubbard goes to class. Tickets are on sale now until Nov. 2 in the Union.

RHA OPEN FORUM

Mark Hetzler, director of auxiliary services, and Matt Baker, director of residential life, will be on hand to answer questions and get information about things that are happening on campus, 5 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 1, at The Station conference center.

TODAY

Food court buffet

FRIDAY

Last date to get 25 percent refund for dropped second-block courses.

Asian Student Association Dinner, 6 p.m., Union Ballroom.

SATURDAY

3rd Annual Powwow, noon to 9 p.m., Bearcat Arena

TUESDAY

Newman Center Trick or Treating for the Food Pantry, 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

All Soul's Day Mass, 5 p.m., Newman Center

HEARTLAND VIEW

The new Heartland View Web site is up and running. Check it out at Heartlandview.com

KNWT CHANNEL 8 PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE

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7 p.m. Etc.
7:30 p.m. Inside Northwest
8 p.m. Bearcat Update
8:30 p.m. Bearcat Idol

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Visit our online edition see a Homecoming slideshow of the parade, game and variety show.



Maryville resident Eldon Everheart moves through the line at the Nodaway County Senior Center, Monday. The Center, funded in part by the Nodaway County United Way provides 115 hot meals to senior citizens of the county daily.

Missing the Mark

Non-profit organizations
Nodaway County United
Way assists

Marcus Meade
Missourian Reporter

Pony Express Council, Boy
Scouts of America
School Health Program
Midland Empire Girl
Scout Council
Nodaway County 4-H Council
Children's Mercy
Hospital and Clinics
Nodaway County Community
Building/Grounds
Widowed Persons Service
Nodaway County Senior Center
Health Emergency Lifeline Pro-
gram/Ministry Center
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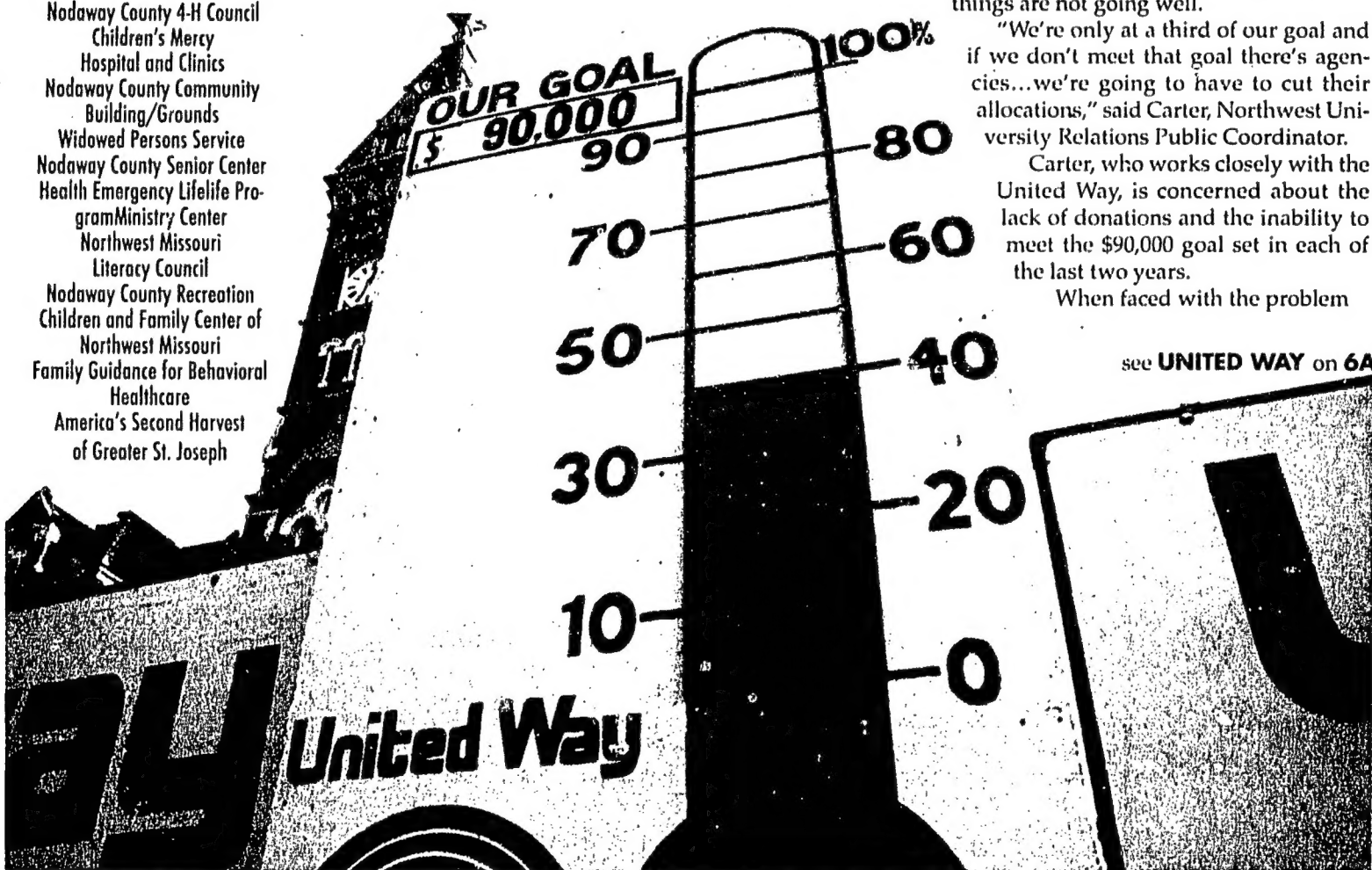
Some people spend day after day worrying about money. Clutching their hair, they fret about how to pay for their child's new bike or this summer's trip to Branson. Teresa Carter worries, too. But she knows that if the United Way doesn't meet their goals for this year's fundraising campaign, people could be affected in a very serious way, and it could mean more than someone's new bike or a summer's vacation.

The Nodaway County United Way is in the tail end of its two-month fundraising campaign, and things are not going well.

"We're only at a third of our goal and if we don't meet that goal there's agencies...we're going to have to cut their allocations," said Carter, Northwest University Relations Public Coordinator.

Carter, who works closely with the United Way, is concerned about the lack of donations and the inability to meet the \$90,000 goal set in each of the last two years.

When faced with the problem



Students compete for prizes at show

Andrea James
Missourian Reporter

Music, poetry and laughter filled Mary Linn Auditorium last week as students competed to be the best.

During the Homecoming Variety Show Northwest students demonstrated their talents to friends, family and alumni. Some students acted, sung and danced their way to awards and prizes while others received the opportunity to entertain a large crowd of people.

This year, Phi Mu and Phi Mu Alpha's skit "The Ghost of Roberta" won the Highly Competitive Skits division and the People's choice award.

Chris Little from Phi Mu Alpha was voted Best Actor for his role as Campus Safety and Whitney Turner from Phi Mu was voted Best

Actress for her role as the Roberta Ghost.

Brent Rice won first place for performing "Poetry Is" in the Olio Acts.

Phi Mu President Ashley Feekin is a proud supporter of the skit and everyone who was involved.

"The skit was well put together and everyone knew what they were doing. Everyone was excited to be out there," Feekin said.

Northwest Senior Megan Fuller liked the skits best because she knows the people in them. She also thinks the skits are more creative.

"There was more dancing and singing this year than there was last year," Fuller said.

Northwest's Coordinator of Greek Life and Leadership Development Angel Prescott believes that the variety show was wonderful



Phi Delta Theta member Matt Moon struts his stuff as "Bobby" in the fraternity's Homecoming Variety Show skit, Thursday.

see **SHOW** on 6A

Retired regent dies of cancer

A man with close leadership ties to Northwest lost his battle with cancer Tuesday morning.

Frank "Chip" Strong, 55, died on Oct. 24, at his Maryville home.

Strong, a Maryville attorney, was a member of the Northwest Foundation Inc. Board of Directors and a former member of the University's Board of Regents.

Appointed to the board in 1989, he served until 2001 and was the board's vice president from 1999 to 2001.

At the time his death, he was director and president of the law firm Strong & Strong, P.C., in Maryville.

In addition to his service to the Board of Regents and Northwest Foundation, Strong was a member and former vice president of the Maryville R-II School District Board of Education, local Lion's Club and Northwest Athletic Booster Club.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at the First Christian Church of Maryville. Memorials in Strong's name may be made to the Northwest Foundation Inc., Office of University Advancement, Northwest Missouri State University, 800 University Drive, Maryville.

Student dies after treatment

Kristin Summers
Chief Reporter

A Northwest student died at the University of Kansas Medical Center, Tuesday, Oct. 24.

Clint Johnson, 21, was a patient at the KU Medical Center for second and third degrees burns he received in a propane tank explosion on Sept. 26 at Shipps Grain Elevator on Highway H.

Johnson backed into and punctured a 6,000 gallon propane tank with a skid loader, the tank contained 4,000 gallons of propane. He was undergoing several skin graft surgeries.

Funeral arrangements will be posted by his sister, Andrea Johnson, on his Facebook account.

Numbers hoped to increase

Evan Young
University Editor

Northwest is hoping to get more by charging less.

The University's Board of Regents Friday approved a new, lower tuition rate for out-of-state graduate students enrolling in Northwest's graduate school and Outreach Education programs.

Select graduate students will see a nearly \$200 decrease in tuition if they enroll in programs offered at Northwest's Maryville and Liberty, Mo. campuses, as well as those offered at Northwest's Joplin, Mo. High School Center. Collaborative Graduate Programs offered in conjunction with Missouri Southern

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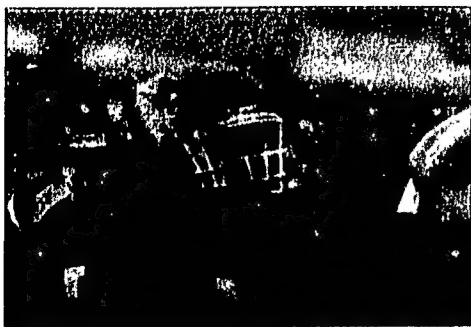


photo by kelle white | photography editor

BUNDLING UP

Running back LaRon Council keeps warm on the sidelines during Saturday's 59-0 victory against Fort Hays State. Turn to 1B for more coverage on Northwest's game against Central Missouri Saturday.

PHOTO SUBMISSIONS

Did you dress up for trick-or-treating as a kid?
Did you carve any awesome-looking pumpkins?
Send us your photos to northwestmissourian@hotmail.com for a chance to be published in an upcoming issue of the Northwest Missourian.

STEPPIN' OUT

Members of the Bearcat Steppers performed "All That Jazz" Thursday night at the Homecoming Variety Show. See 2A for more Homecoming follow-up.

photo by stephanie stangl | editor in chief



-OUR VIEW

Help local efforts assist others in need

Outside the Nodaway County Courthouse stands a sign reminding Maryville residents that an important local organization is desperately in need of help.

While the Nodaway County United Way inches a little closer to reaching its goal with every donated dollar, the United Way has failed to raise its \$90,000 goal for the last two years.

The local United Way aids 16 non-profit organizations that provide assistance to children, families, seniors and those in crisis. Without the financial assistance of the United Way, these crucial social service programs and organizations would suffer greatly.

What better way to invest in something that makes a difference than an organization that helps fund programs locally?

Without the efforts of United Way your daughters and granddaughters wouldn't be able to be Daisies or Brownies in Girl Scouts, your grandparents wouldn't be able to enjoy hot meals at the Nodaway County Senior Center and children would have grumbling tummies without the food donations of America's Second Harvest of Greater St. Joseph.

With the United Way helping so many different organizations, nearly every person in Nodaway County or someone they know are affected by whether or not the United Way is alive and well.

This holiday season, instead of spending money on frivolous items, why not donate any extra money you might have to the United Way and help a great organization get back on its feet? Additionally, why not donate your time by volunteering at the organizations the United Way supports?

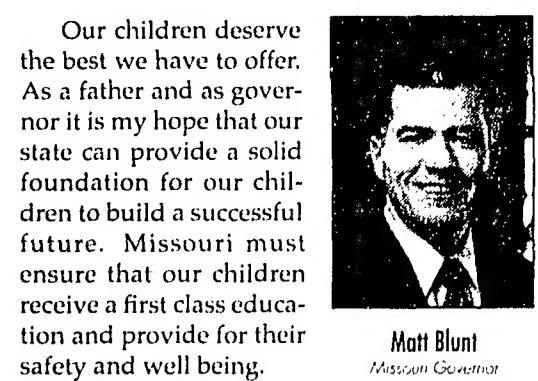
Help serve meals at the senior center. Mow the lawn or help baby sit the children at the Children and Family Center. Donate items to the Salvation Army. Visit America's Second Harvest and help box food items to be sent to hungry children.

It doesn't take much to lend a hand and give back to Nodaway county residents less fortunate than you.

Monetary donations can be sent to United Way of Nodaway County, P.O. Box 164, Maryville.

-GOVERNOR'S COLUMN

Supporting Missouri's future generations



Mark Blunt
Missouri Governor

Our children deserve the best we have to offer. As a father and as governor it is my hope that our state can provide a solid foundation for our children to build a successful future. Missouri must ensure that our children receive a first class education and provide for their safety and well being.

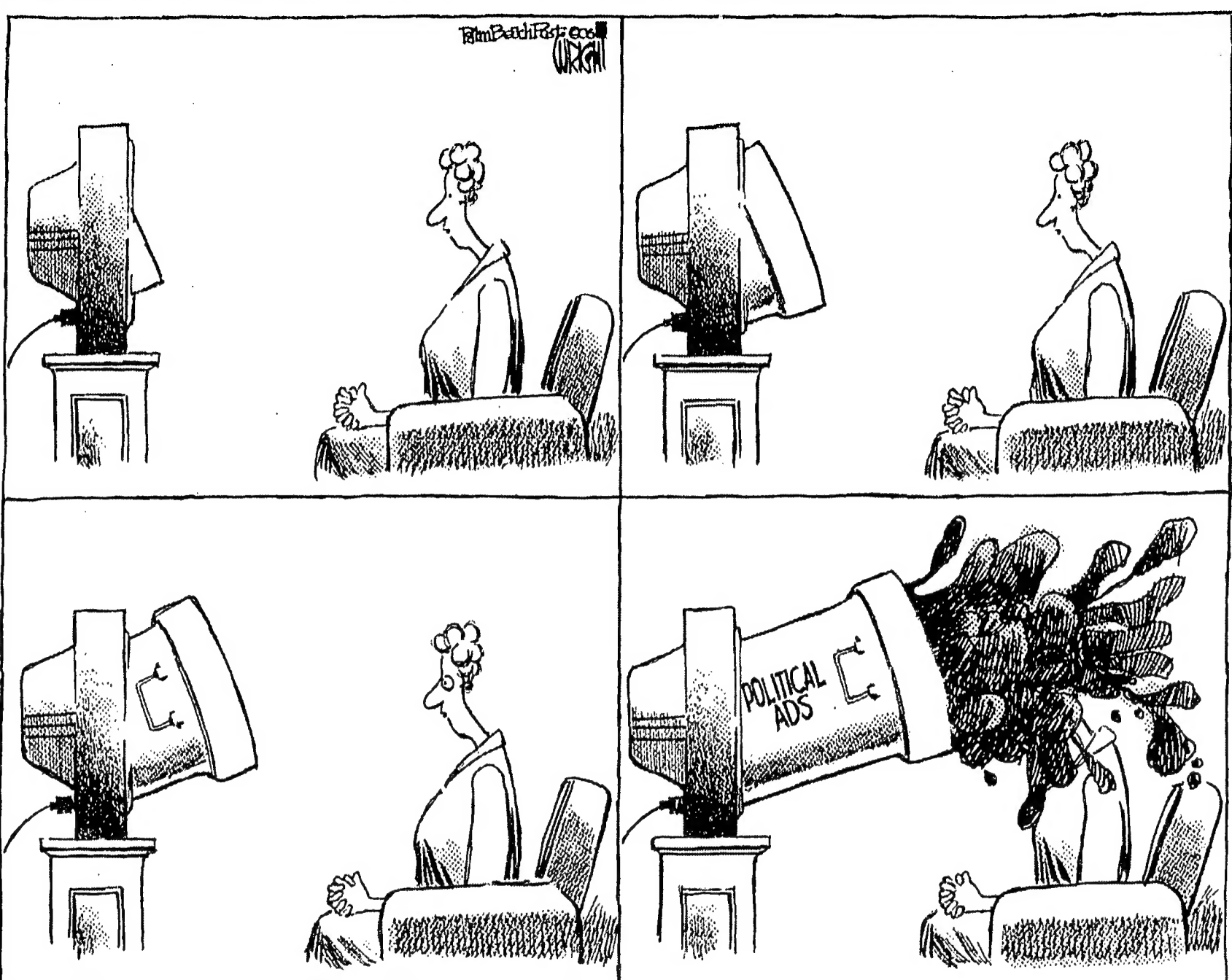
I have focused on making education the state's top public policy and budget priority. I am pleased to report that the state has provided nearly a third of a billion dollars in increased funding for elementary and secondary education since 2005 and created a new school funding formula focused on students' needs. We are also working to provide students new tools for learning in math, engineering, technology and science to ensure that they are prepared to be active participants in the global economy.

Protecting our children's safety is critical to their success. Our state was among the first to implement a nationally connected communication system called the AMBER Alert Web Portal to ensure word can spread as quickly as possible when a child has been abducted. The system allows Missourians to receive alerts and status updates on e-mail, pagers or cell phones so they can help bring

a missing child home. I recently signed an executive order mandating that all state employees with state cell phones and other wireless communication devices subscribe to receive AMBER Alert information through this system. You can sign up at Missouriamberalert.com. The abduction and safe return of baby Abigail Woods reminds us how critical this tool is to protect Missouri families.

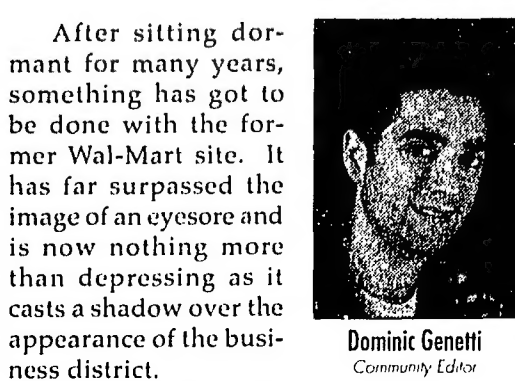
As a state we have taken aggressive steps to keep dangerous sexual predators away from our children. Missouri now has a version of Jessica's Law to ensure sex offenders who prey on young victims stay in jail at least 30 years and are monitored their entire lives. I also signed a law that made Missouri one of the first states to utilize global positioning satellite (GPS) technology to track certain sex offenders. In addition, we have expanded the sexual offender registry and added new tools to make it a more powerful resource for parents.

Ensuring a solid foundation for our children's future and meeting their needs now is a responsibility that I take very seriously as Missouri works to support our future generations.



-COLUMN

Old Wal-Mart site needs to be dealt with



Dominic Ganetti
Community Editor

After sitting dormant for many years, something has got to be done with the former Wal-Mart site. It has far surpassed the image of an eyesore and is now nothing more than depressing as it casts a shadow over the appearance of the business district.

It's bad enough that restaurants, gas stations and lots sit empty within the district, but to have a site as large as the former Wal-Mart is completely ridiculous. There are 266 Wal-Mart buildings sitting empty in this country and it's a shame this city has to be included.

This building has been sitting empty for too long and by this

point someone involved with the progression of Maryville should've done something by now.

Do any area leaders and officials realize how much business could come to town if something was done? So many things can be done with the site that the long trip to St. Joseph can be a thing of the past. The building itself is large enough to be broken off into two or three places. Imagine driving down Main Street and making a stop at a big name department store or restaurant.

All it takes is meetings, letters; some type of communication

just to let companies know that Maryville exists and business would benefit in town.

It wouldn't take much more than a day trip for Maryville city officials to take a quick drive to Jefferson City to meet with representatives and do some lobbying for Maryville.

Development from a local aspect is also beneficial.

While chatting with Campus Safety officer Kristina Hargin in line at Java City, she made an excellent suggestion to make the old Wal-Mart site the Nodaway County Fairgrounds.

Hargin said the building could be used as an exhibition hall for possible flea markets and other events.

I completely agree with Hargin. The site sits on 4.27 acres

of land and the building size is 60,948 square feet. Not only could this area become the site of the county fair, but also the building itself could still become an exhibition hall with enough space leftover for other businesses.

To make a long story short, it would be in the best interest of this county and this city to work and give the Wal-Mart site life again.

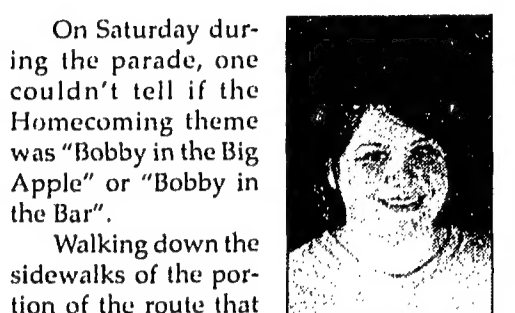
More business means more jobs, which can lead to more citizens, ultimately leading to more growth.

On the other side of the coin, an improved city can benefit the University raising enrollment which also raises funding and support.

However, nothing will happen unless someone does something.

-COLUMN

Leave the drinking for after parents leave



Lindsay Jacobs
Chief Reporter

On Saturday during the parade, one couldn't tell if the Homecoming theme was "Bobby in the Big Apple" or "Bobby in the Bar."

Walking down the sidewalks of the portion of the route that was off campus tons of people were carrying cases of beer and fifts of liquor. I have never seen so much alcohol and so many drunk people before 10 a.m. in my entire life.

Granted, this was Homecoming weekend, and it's all about a weekend of fun for college students

there are sometimes when alcohol probably shouldn't be involved. The last time I checked the parade was supposed to be for the campus as well as the community, but this event turned in to a drunk fest where alcohol was everywhere a person looked.

I have nothing against drinking, however I do have a problem with people drinking excessively at an event where so many families are present.

Once the parade route was off campus it seemed a person couldn't walk a block without seeing alcohol everywhere. Students

were standing around drinking while the parade wandered down the street. There would be a family huddled together on a blanket under an umbrella trying to enjoy the parade, and behind them would be drunken people.

I can't imagine what was going through parents' minds as they sat watching the parade with their children, and what the rest of the community was thinking as they were watching the parade and seeing students chug choice beverages.

It literally looked like a kegger with drunken students lining the street to watch the festivities, and some where in there families were mingled in.

It's one thing to go out all Homecoming weekend, have fun with friends, enjoy nightly bar specials and partake in break-fast drinking specials, but when it comes to events such as the parade the alcohol should be left at home.

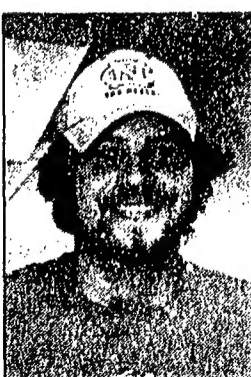
Families aren't at every event, so it shouldn't be hard for people to put the drinks down for awhile.

For next year's Homecoming, I challenge everyone to leave the alcohol at home during the family events. Show some respect to the area citizens and their families, they will be pleasantly surprised.

Save the hard core drinking for later when families are not around.

CAMPUSTALK

What would you change about Homecoming?



"I had to work during Homecoming,"
James Black
Psychology/Sociology



"I had to work a lot during Homecoming,"
Josh Young
Occupational Therapy



"We need a rivalry team to play for Homecoming, because most of the fans lost interest and it would have been fun with more people there,"
Brian Shannon
Deciding



"The weather, because it was cold,"
Lauren Culler
Deciding



"I wish the parade wasn't so early in the morning,"
Erica Wiedmaier
Elementary Education

PUBLIC SAFETY

Oct. 6
Property damage, window damage, 1000 block N. Walnut

Oct. 13
Kristine E. Hotop, 20, Maryville, DWI, MIP, open container, failure to display headlights, 400 block N. Market

Oct. 15
William R. Wiederholt, 19, Maryville, MIP, 100 block James Ave

Oct. 16
Alejandro Corredor, 29, Maryville, possession of a firearm while intoxicated; Jonathan E. Carter, 25, Kansas City, possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver; Dennis L. Westbrook, 27, Kansas City, possession of a controlled substance; Cindi M. Harris, 25, Independence, Mo., possession of a controlled substance, 400 block N. Buchanan

Oct. 17
Property damage, door damage, 700 block E. Seventh

Oct. 17
Recovered property, silver and yellow bike, 100 block S. Frederick

Oct. 17
Animal neglect, animals removed, ongoing investigation, 100 block W. Eleventh

Oct. 17
Ongoing investigation, stealing by deceit, 2700 block S. Main

Stephanie N. Mercer, 17, Maryville, contempt of court, 400 block N. Market

Burglary, Xbox, 1500 block N. Main

Oct. 18
Timothy M. Pugh, 44, Maryville, failure to appear, 400 block N. Market

Oct. 19
Larceny, scrap copper, 700 block S. Main

Oscar R. Lemus, 34, Maryville, trespassing, property damage, house breaking, 100 block S. Frederick

Kirk W. Nobling, 19, Maryville, permitting peace disturbance, MIP; Matthew S. Neff, 19, Maryville, permitting a peace disturbance, MIP, 900 block S. Main

Oct. 20
Kevin E. Hiett, 19, Maryville, MIP, 300 block E. Fourth

Ben M. Rush, 19, Maryville, MIP, 500 block W. Fourth

Amanda M. Crowley, 19, Maryville, MIP, 200 block W. First

Jarin E. Gamet, 20, Maryville, MIP, 200 block W. First

Matthew B. Routh, 23, Clearfield, Iowa, disorderly conduct, 400 block N. Main

Bryan R. Ezell, 21, Kansas City, DWI, illegal turn, failure to maintain financial responsibility, 100 block E. Fourth

Michael S. Mora, 22, Maryville, open container in vehicle, 400 block W. Seventh

Joseph D. Kinata, 20, Maryville, DWI, MIP, failure to display headlights, open container in vehicle, 200 block W. Second

Kela M. Casey, 19, Warrensburg, Mo., MIP, failure to comply, resisting arrest; Melissa L. Turner, 19, Concordia, Mo., affray; Vicky M. Quick, 19, Maryville, affray, 1515 N. Main

Recovered property, eagle lawn ornament, 900 block N. Main

Larceny from a vehicle, football cleats, 100 block W. Sixteenth

ACCIDENTS

Oct. 13
Dale A. Davis, 56, Maryville, collided with Jennifer S. Boulting, 30, Ravenwood, Mo., intersection of US-71 and Business-71 South

Oct. 17
An unknown driver collided with Marisa A. Mackey, Maryville, at the intersection of Third and Munn

Oct. 19
An unknown driver collided with Larry Petefish, Alexandria, Minn., at the intersection of Highland Avenue and Main

Walter J. Gibbs Jr., 26, Kansas City, allowing another to use driver's

license, 300 block N. Market.

Courtney M. Johnson, 18, Concordia, Mo., MIP, Justin S. Hilliard, 19, Warrensburg, Mo., MIP, 600 block N. Mulberry

Kaley M. Johnson, 20, Maryville, MIP; Amanda N. Mahan, 19, Maryville, MIP, 500 block N. Fillmore

Oct. 22
Brent P. Ussary, 20, Agency, Mo., MIP, failure to comply, 400 block N. Buchanan

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Oct. 20
Karen C. Parman, 42, Bedford, Iowa, collided with Angela M. MacDonald, 25, of Maryville at the intersection of South Avenue and Main

Oct. 21
Andrew M. Anderson, 21, Maryville, collided with Paul R. Fallers, 48, of Sibley, Mo. Anderson was cited for failure to yield

Steven L. Cox, 48, Maryville, collided with Megan M. Thacker, 16, Maryville. Cox was cited for failure to maintain financial responsibility

OBITUARIES

Lucille Mae (Anliker) Peters, 73, Pickering, Mo., died Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006 at St Francis Hospital, Maryville.

Lucille was born Dec. 31, 1932 in Palaska County, Ind., the daughter of Joseph and Minnie (Tyler) Anliker. She married Robert William Peters Dec. 19, 1964 in Elgin, Ill., Robert preceded her in death on May 14, 2003.

A homemaker, Lucille was a member of the Pickering United Methodist Church.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; adoptive mother, Elizabeth Lehman, a brother, Melvin Anliker and step-brother, Robert Leman.

Survivors include her son, Gilbert Peters, Tell City, Ind.; daughter, Julia Bagdonas, Alsip, Ill.; sister, Carolyn Ahle, Carpentersville, Ill.; three step-brothers, Richard Anliker, Elgin, Willis Leman, South Elgin, Ill., Leroy Leman, Carlton, Ill., five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Visitation was Tuesday, Oct. 24 at Price Funeral Home Chapel, Maryville.

Funeral Services were Wednesday, Oct. 25, at Price Funeral Home Chapel and burial was at Nodaway Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Maryville.

Memorials may be made to the Pickering United Methodist Church.

Adlnk granted scholarship fund

Lindsay Jacobs
Chief Reporter

A Northwest club just found another \$1,000 in their general fund.

Nicholson Kovac, Inc. an integrated marketing communications agency in Kansas City recently donated \$1,000 to Adlnk, the University's advertising club, and another \$1,000 for a scholarship.

Sheree Johnson, senior vice president director of media at Nicholson Kovac Inc., said the donation and scholarship are in response to several Northwest alumni being hired by the agency and they have been impressed by how well alumni are trained.

Johnson said the agency wanted to offer support to future graduates, and they are helping the students in two ways, one being donating money to Adlnk, and the other being offering the scholarship to a student.

Jacquie Lamer, Adlnk adviser and mass communication instructor, said every spring Adlnk organizes an ad agency tour. A while ago the club contacted Nicholson Kovac, Inc. to see if they could get a tour. The group was put in touch with Brent Steffens, a Northwest alumni who works at the agency.

Steffens made sure the students got the tour that year, and has made sure the students have been offered a tour since then.

"He is just enthusiastic about getting Northwest students involved in advertising," Lamer said.

The media manager for the agency called Lamer about a year ago and told her he was impressed with the employees they hired from Northwest and wanted to know how they were educated. He and some co-workers came to Northwest to talk with students.

About this time Adlnk was planning on seeking corporate donations. The president of Adlnk last year gathered some members to make a presentation at the agency and asked for sponsorship. The agency agreed.

Lamer said right now the club is thinking of ways they can use the money. Lamer said one possible way of using the money would be helping pay for trips to conferences.

Adlnk is subsidizing a bus attending the Kansas City Ad Club Career Day on Nov. 10. Lamer said she thinks it's the fifth year Adlnk has helped pay for a bus.

Applications for the \$1,000 scholarship are available in mass communication department's Secretary Maria McCary's office or online on the Adlnk's Web site on Googlepages.com. The scholarship will be applied to the Spring 2007 trimester.

Applicants must be majoring in advertising, interactive digital media, marketing, journalism and public relations, be a full time student and have earned 60 credit hours when application is submitted. A letter of recommendation, an essay and a resume must also be submitted.

Applications must be turned in by noon Friday, Nov. 10 to McCary. The winner of the scholarship will be announced in January at the Adlnk meeting.

Lamer said she hopes the group will receive money annually, but they are not going to assume anything.

"I don't think we're sitting back and assuming it's going to be annual," Lamer said. "We want to not take it for granted."

Mallory Parker, Adlnk's publicity chair, said the next Adlnk meeting will be Nov. 16 at 4:30 p.m. in the Station, and for further information people can check the group's Facebook group.

WHAT IS IT?

- \$1,000 scholarship
- Available to students majoring in
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 - marketing
 - journalism
 - public relations
- Due Nov. 10

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UNITED WAY: Agency struggles to make ends meet

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of insufficient donations they must dip into a savings account in order to meet the needs of the 16 different organizations they support, but Carter explained that she could only go to that well so many times before it's dry.

So what do they do? In an effort to garner more donations the United Way has extended their fundraising campaign, which began in September, to include the first two weeks of November.

According to Unitedway.org, the United Way is thriving nationally, raising \$3.98 billion in '05-'06, increasing 2.9 percent from the previous year. That success hasn't trickled down, however, and Carter believes that a lack of knowledge is to blame.

"That's the problem. A lot of people don't know about United Way and how it operates," Carter said.

Muriel Zimmerman, administrator at the Children and Family Center of Northwest Missouri, a beneficiary of the United Way, offered another theory.

"As other service organizations and other projects develop around the community the pie is only so big, and people are only going to give so much," Zimmerman said. The Children and Family Center provides aid for victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault, and Zimmerman counts on help from the United Way for different projects.

"We've asked for different things different years. One year it was just to help us pay our bills, we're getting started we don't have anything to pay our utility bills. We need help just keeping the shelter doors open," Zimmerman said.

This year she plans on finishing a project started last year with donations from the United Way.

Last year, the Children and Family Center built a privacy fence for their clients, and now they're hoping to expand it, making it into a play area for their child clients.

The Nodaway County Senior Center is counting on that money too. They use the donations from the United Way to provide meals for senior citizens throughout the county. Without the money from United Way, they wouldn't be able to pay drivers to deliver meals to people in the surrounding communities.

If the Nodaway County United Way doesn't come nearer to their goal, many organizations of Maryville and the surrounding areas will suffer, and Carter and Zimmerman will spend their days with thoughts of money on their minds.

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TSS-like syndrome kills student

Lindsay Jacobs
Chief Reporter

She is remembered as an enjoyable and cheery person, and according to a friend no matter what the topic, conversations would end in laughter.

Last week, autopsy results revealed Northwest student Claire McKinney died of toxic shock syndrome caused by streptococcal bacteria.

McKinney died Oct. 8 in Shenandoah, Iowa.

Toxic Shock Syndrome (TSS) is caused by one of two types of bacteria, strep and staph. Jerry Wilmes, vice president of student affairs and director of the Health Center, said these types of bacteria are present at all times, but no one knows why they cause infection in only some people.

Since he is not familiar with this case, Wilmes could not comment on any specifics of it. "This is a really rare and unusual syndrome," Wilmes said.

Some possible causes of TSS include, but are not limited to, history of childbirth or abortion, surgical wounds, use of super-absorbent

tampons, use of diaphragm or contraceptive sponge and local infection in the skin or deep tissue, according to the Ohio State University Medical Center Web site. TSS caused by staph was found in the 1970s and 80s when women used highly absorbent tampons during menstruation.

Since then, manufacturing changes have been made and the number of TSS cases caused by tampons has decreased.

TSS caused by strep is seen mostly in children and the elderly. Other groups at risk include, but are not limited to people who have heart disease, chronic lung disease and HIV according to the Ohio State University Medical Center's Web site.

Wilmes said in a "significant percentage" of cases the source of the bacteria's entry cannot be identified. There is no sign it's contagious or has anything to do with geographic location.

Some symptoms of Staph TSS include fever higher than 102 degrees, chills, headache, diarrhea, vomiting, muscle pain, increased blood flow to eyes, mouth and vagina making them appear red,

fatigue and one or two weeks after other symptoms appear skin shed on the hands and feet.

A few symptoms of Strep TSS include shock, low blood pressure, difficulty breathing, decreased kidney function and in some cases skin shedding on the palms of hands and soles of feet.

In both types a red rash appears, and covers most of the body. The Ohio State University Medical Center Website lists ways to prevent toxic shock syndrome includes conscientious wound care, minimal use of diaphragms, sponges and tampons and females who have had TSS should avoid tampons because re-infection is common.

Wilmes said to help prevent any infection, it's important to get plenty of rest, have a good diet, managing stress, practicing cough etiquette, getting plenty of exercise and frequently washing hands.

Freshman Stacey Herzog was a friend of Claire's. She said she will miss the conversations that always wound up in laughter and random road trips the girls partook in.

"She was a really fun, upbeat person to be around," Herzog said.

SHOW: Variety Show highlights Homecoming



Members of Alpha Sigma Alpha dance during their rendition of a "Bearcat Story" Thursday night at the Homecoming Variety Show.

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this year.

"Everyone did a great job and deserves to be commended on a great variety show," Prescott said.

The hosts of the variety show were Northwest students Aaron Rice, Sarah Smith and Stephanie Trester.

The variety show is a wide known tradition on campus where the crowning of King and Queen takes place and students get to show off all their hard work, according to Prescott.

"The Olio Acts and the skits were great this year. The variety show is about entertainment so it's good to have a wide range of acts," Prescott said.

—NW FOOTBALL

Different name, different team

Central Missouri football team falling on hard times

Jerome Boettcher
Sports Editor

The University of Central Missouri might want to consider changing their name back.

Well, at least for the football team.

Central Missouri (formerly known as Central Missouri State University until a month ago) has struggled this year and for a team that usually contends for the MIAA Championship, they are approaching five losses on the season—something they haven't done since 1997.

But in coach Mel Tjeerdsmas's case, that

doesn't matter to his 8-0, No. 2 Northwest football team who plays against UCM (6-4, 4-4 MIAA) at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, in Warrensburg.

"They're a very good team," Tjeerdsmas said. "We're going to have to go there and play well. We can't go there and expect to just slop through it, because that won't happen, we'll get beat if we do that."

UCM comes off a 31-26 loss to Missouri Southern and lost earlier in the season to Truman State—teams that both in the past have dangled near the bottom of the conference.

Currently four teams have records of 4-4 in the conference and Northwest and Missouri Western are the only two teams that have beaten anyone with an above .500 record.

That fact begs the question, is the MIAA going through a down year?

"I think our league's pretty good," Tjeerdsmas said. "I think maybe the balance

in our league is probably more balance than we've seen. I think Truman and Missouri Southern have been two teams that have beaten teams that prior to the start of the season you would say 'well they're not going to beat any of those teams,' and they have...I don't think it's the fact that our league is down."

Northwest nose tackle Kyle Kaiser agrees with Tjeerdsmas, adding that the lower teams in the past are finally starting to turn around.

"I don't think it's a down year, I just think there's a lot of teams that have been having down years in the past are catching up with everybody else," Kaiser said. "Everybody's evening out really in our conference. I don't think that's becoming a down year, I think it's just a lot better athletes and a lot better teams in this conference now."

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Tight end Jon Goss crosses the goal line for one of eight touchdowns scored by Northwest on Saturday. The Homecoming blowout was the biggest since Northwest shut out Sioux Falls in 1938.

—FEATURE

BRINGING IT ON

Call Arnold
Assistant Sports Editor

Standing in the freezing rain at a football game could take the spirit out of anyone. Anyone, that is, except the Northwest cheerleaders.

To them the most important job of all is to keep the Bearcat fans on their toes, no matter what the weather is like. That's what they do every Saturday afternoon starting in late August each year.

However, that's only part of the job. Another big priority for the squad is reaching national competition. Perhaps the biggest task facing the squad this year is adapting to yet another new coach. The last five years have been tough, having a different coach every year. Jason Sack replaced Jeremiah Lawson, last year's coach, in the spring.

Chris Mommens, in his fourth year on the squad, said the yearly change has put a damper on the program.

"The last two coaches knew they were only going to be here for a year, so they didn't put a lot of effort into the program," Mommens said. "Coach Sack, now, he's dedicated. He's planning on being here for at least four years and I've seen more effort out of him so far this year than I saw out of our last two coaches. So that really makes me look forward to see what the program's going to do in the future."

Sack spent the last five years at Avila University in Kansas City where he coached the cheerleading squad to three consecutive Universal Cheerleading Association (UCA) College Cheerleading National All-Girl Division II top-10 finishes. In 2003 he was named the Heart of America Conference Spirit Squad Coach of the Year.

With his 2006-2007 squad already chosen by Lawson during spring tryouts, Sack had to contact the individuals after arriving at Northwest. After finalizing a few roster problems, the team was able to get together to meet the new coach.

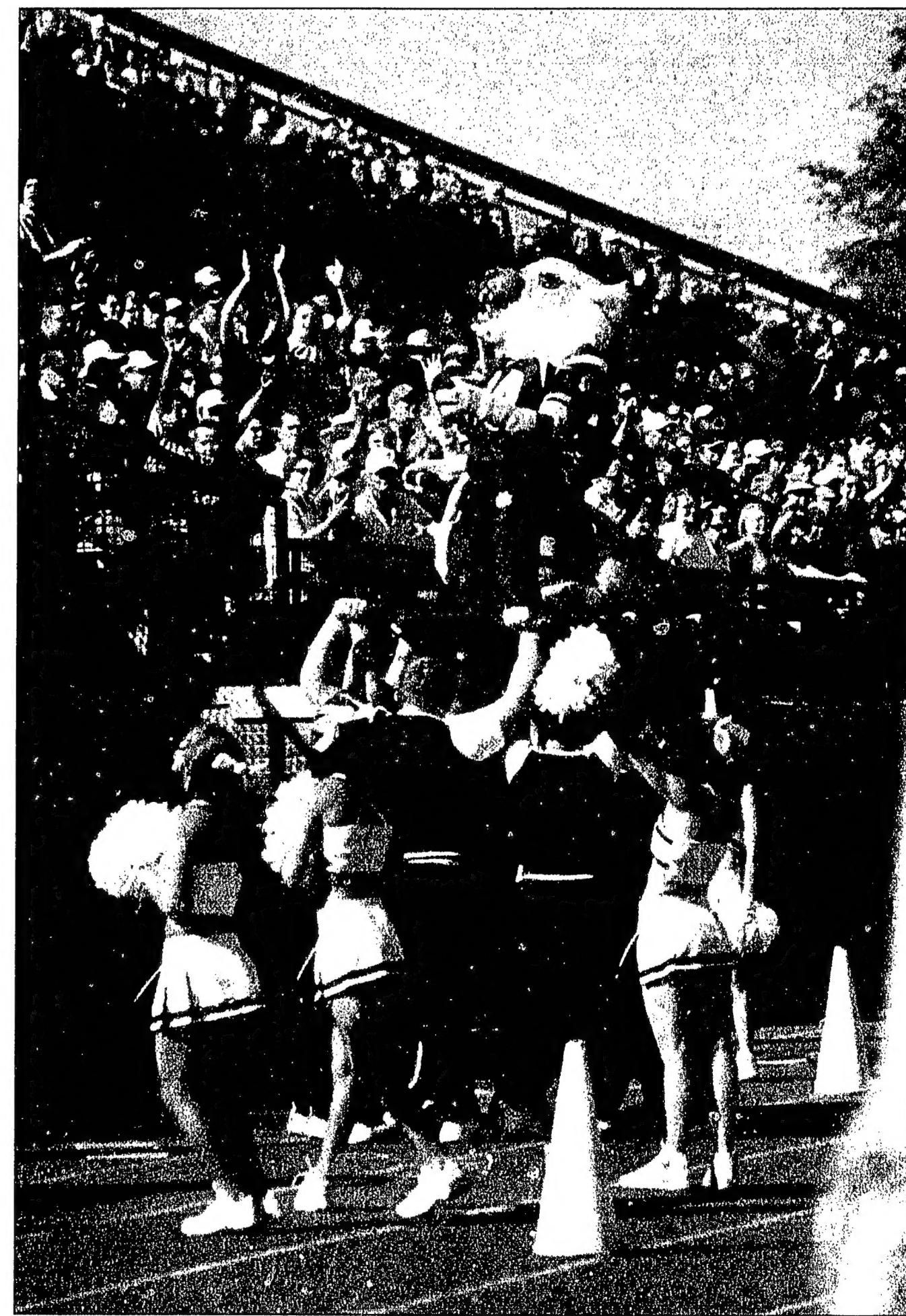
While adapting to a new coach can be difficult, there is much more to being a college cheerleader. Practices three days a week include stunts, pyramids, tumbling and basket tosses, as well as learning cheers to perform at games. Weight lifting is also done four days a week. Game days during the fall include stretching, performing for alumni and performing at football games.

Sophomore Audrey Strothkamp said getting used to having a partner to stunt with is a tough thing to do.

"No guy is alike," Strothkamp said. "You have to know who has what timing and of course you have some partners you stunt better with. Your chemistry matters a lot and depends on how successful you are. Once you're comfortable you pretty much work really well together."

Cheering at Bearcat football and basketball games is the first priority for the squad, but the year is also spent training for nationals.

see BRINGING IT ON 2B



The cheerleading squad pumps up the crowd as Bobby does push-ups after a score.

—MHS FOOTBALL

'Hounds face a must-win

Brett Barger
Assistant Sports Editor

The Maryville High School Spoofhound football team is not officially out of the playoff race, but a familiar foe gave them a fighting chance.

While Maryville lost to Lawson, 15-7, at the 'Hound Pound Friday night, Bishop LeBlond defeated Plattsburg, Maryville's next opponent, 28-7. Both Maryville and Plattsburg face a must-win Friday night.

"If you lose that first district game, you've got to try and keep the kids motivated," Maryville coach Chris Holt said after Friday's loss. "That way, they don't lay down on you, because in the back of their mind, they may think

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—NW SOCCER

'Cats drop last 2 road matches

Jared Verner
Missourian Reporter

The most successful soccer team in Northwest history received a pair of setbacks going into the final weekend of play.

The Bearcat soccer team went winless in the final two road matches of 2006. Northwest fell 4-1 to Southwest Baptist last Saturday, and got shutout 3-0 at No. 24 Missouri Southern the next day.

"We gave up easy goals," Northwest soccer head coach Tracy Cross said. "We did not block our opponents and made some mistakes, and we've been consistent in not making them this year."

Senior forward Kayla Griffin led the 'Cats with two shots against the Lions. The Lions scored twice in the first half and once in the second to end the 'Cats road schedule.

"We did not do well at all," said Griffin on the Southern match. "We weren't really playing together."

Junior defender Amy Jackson scored the lone goal last weekend on a penalty kick in the 55th minute against Southwest Baptist. Jackson's goal marked the third this

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Molly Hankins stands up with her family before the senior night game Saturday.

See 3B for more Northwest volleyball.

photo by Katie White photography editor

TJEERDSMA NOMINATED FOR COACH OF THE YEAR

Northwest Missouri State head football coach Mel Tjeerdsmas has been nominated for the 2006 Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Award, given to the college football coach who best exemplifies responsibility and excellence on and off the field. The one winner will be picked from a selection committee made up of members of the College Football Hall of Fame, the national media and fans across the country. Fans can vote by going to www.coachoftheyear.com and selecting coach Tjeerdsmas from the drop-down menu - fans can vote through Nov. 5 on a daily basis.

The Maryville football team tries to move the ball against Lawson defenders Friday night at the 'Hound Pound.

See 4B for more on Northwest football and Homecoming.

photo by Katie White photography editor



-NW FOOTBALL

Defense leads way

Brett Barger
Assistant Sports Editor

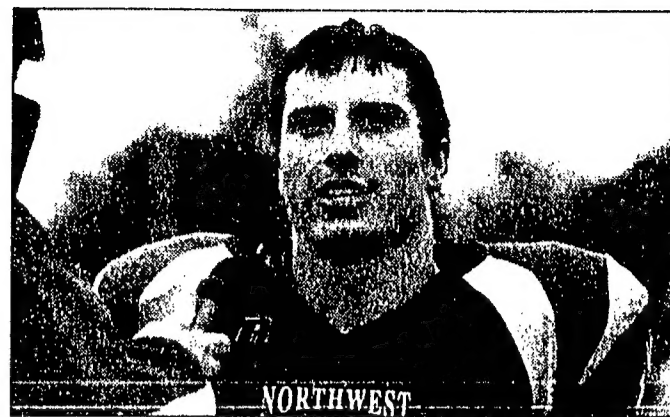
One could name a lot of great performances from Saturday's 59-0 victory over conference newcomer Fort Hays State.

However, a Maryville native led the way for the Bearcat defense in their largest shutout since 1938.

Myles Burnside, a red-shirt freshman strong safety, was named the Don Black Award winner as the MVP of the Homecoming game.

Burnside, filling in for the injured Chris Termini the last two games, finished with six tackles, including an interception that stopped a Fort Hays drive deep in their own territory.

Burnside said he was surprised that he won the award, which was given to a defensive player for just the fourth time since the 1990 season. Graduate assistant Chad Bostwick was the last defensive player to win the award, in 2003. Damien Chumley (2002) and Dave Svehl (1990) were the other defensive players



Strong Safety Myles Burnside speaks to a reporter after winning the Don Black Award. Burnside finished with six tackles and an interception in Northwest's 59-0 victory over Fort Hays State.

before Bostwick to win the award.

"I couldn't believe I actually got it when the offense put up 59 points," Burnside said. "Our defense, our whole team played well."

Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdema has commented throughout the season about the quality of depth on the defensive side of the football, but noted how quickly Burnside has assimilated himself into the defensive scheme.

"Myles had a very good game last week," Tjeerdema said. "He's been playing really steady as a rotating player...we felt all along that he was

going to be a very good football player for us."

Against Missouri Southern on Sept. 30, Burnside had two tackles and an interception. Starting at strong safety last week at Washburn, Burnside was third in tackles with five.

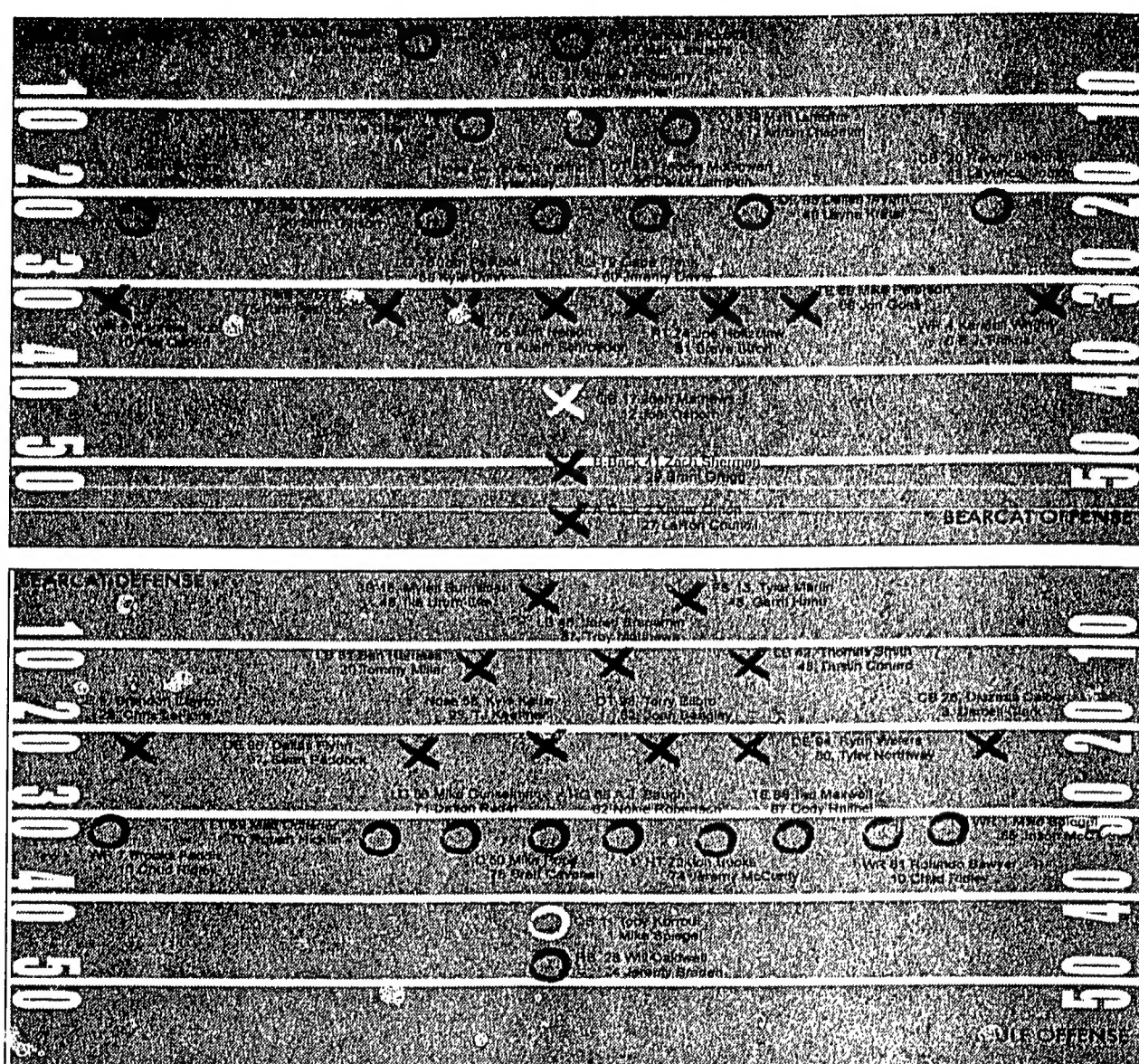
As a whole, the defense held Fort Hays to 155 yards of total offense. The Bearcat defense gave Tiger quarterback Dallas Drew fits all

day. Drew completed 6 of 20 passes for 49 yards, with an interception.

The Fort Hays' running attack, which entered Saturday's game averaging just over 130 yards per game, managed only 76 yards on 35 carries. The Tigers only red-zone appearance of the game was stopped on fourth down.

"We're a great defensive team... we've played well all year," Tjeerdema said. "I probably would have been disappointed if an offensive guy would have won it (Don Black Award), just because of that."

-TWO-DEEP DEPTH CHARTS



BRINGING IT: Cheerleaders gear up for nationals

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In previous years they have traveled to Daytona, Fla., to spend a week in competition, and this year they will go to Orlando, Fla., for a four-day competition. The main priority, however, is cheering on the 'Cats, which includes all home basketball games in Bearcat Arena.

"These kids are here because they want to cheer at Northwest," Sack said. "Nationals is the bonus. Our primary goal is out there on the field and in the arena supporting the team."

The squad is currently working

on a tape to send to Memphis and the national office. They must prepare a cheer that demonstrates all the skills and will find out Nov. 3 how they qualify against other Division II schools around the country. Ironically, MIAA opponent Pittsburg State will more than likely be the toughest opponent in the area, according to Sack.

"Nationals is crazy," Strothkamp said. "It's a lot of hard work...you work your butt off trying to get everything perfect. Everybody has to work together."

Even with the work involved, Mommsen said the energetic crowds

and camaraderie among his teammates is worth all of the time involved. With the workouts and major competition, he knows cheerleading isn't the same as football or volleyball, but said it isn't completely different either.

"We are athletes because we go through such physical and mental training just like any other football, basketball (athlete) does," Mommsen said. "We're not an athletic squad, but we are athletes just because of the intense regimen that we go through."

Last week on Northwest's website for the Bearcat cheerleader's video being sent to the national judges in Memphis, Tenn.

SOCCE: 'Cats finish off season at home

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season off penalty kicks - a new season record. "I didn't even know about it until my mom told me about it on Sunday," Jackson said. "I didn't earn those goals. I had teammates that were

working their butts off." Jackson's penalty kick came as a result from a yellow card from Southwest Baptist's Christina Swartz. Swartz, a senior forward, was causing Griffin to receive dental work earlier this week.

Before the last weekend, only two teams had managed to score against the 'Cats twice in a match. Cross said her team wants to finish out the season with an overall score advantage against opponents. The milestone would be the first in 'Cats history. Northwest took Truman to overtime for the first time since 2002, only to fall 1-0 earlier this season.

"Central killed us down at their place," Griffin said. "We didn't play horrible, but they had their best game. We did well against Truman last time. We lost to them in overtime, but we played amazingly."

Cross will also be honoring four graduating seniors before the Truman match on Sunday. Griffin, Megan Kruger, Alison Sheridan and Jamie Campbell will each be ending their Northwest careers.

"Jamie, Alison and Megan all came in with me," said Cross, who took over the coaching duties in 2003. "They've watched us transition from winning three games to tripping that to winning nine games and maybe more this weekend."

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-NW VOLLEYBALL

Stepping up

Call Arnold, Brett Barger
Assistant Sports Editors

With every step back, it seems as though the Northwest volleyball team takes two steps forward.

After losing to No. 11 Central Missouri in four games in Bearcat Arena on Saturday, the Bearcats notched a five-game road victory over No. 17 Rockhurst Tuesday in Kansas City. The win put Northwest at 14-16 overall while they stayed at 4-7 in the MIAA.

"It was just a great match," head coach Anna Tool said. "We had great ball control and they (Rockhurst) just couldn't defend it."

After dropping game one 20-30, Northwest came back to take the second game 30-23. A close loss in game three (28-30) was followed by two wins for the 'Cats (30-23, 18-16) to take the match win.

Four Northwest players tallied double-digit kills, led by seniors Mackenzie Heston with 22 and Sarah Trowbridge with 20. Senior Molly Hankins recorded 78 assists and Trowbridge also led the way in defensive digs with 24.

Amy Bohner led the team with six assisted blocks and one individual block while both Northwest and Rockhurst had 11 overall team blocks.

"Amy was blocking well," Tool said. "She disrupted everything they (Rockhurst) wanted to do."

After losing the first two games to Central Missouri Saturday, Northwest fell in game four, 30-21, for a 3-1 loss on senior night. The loss was the 14th consecutive against Central with the last win coming on Oct. 10, 1999.

"I think we did good things overall as a team," Trowbridge said. "We played really well, but we got to stick in with every point in every game."

In the first game with Northwest down 17-20, Central went on a 5-0 scoring run to put the game out of reach and won 30-24. Trowbridge led the team with 8 kills, while Hankins had 15 assists.

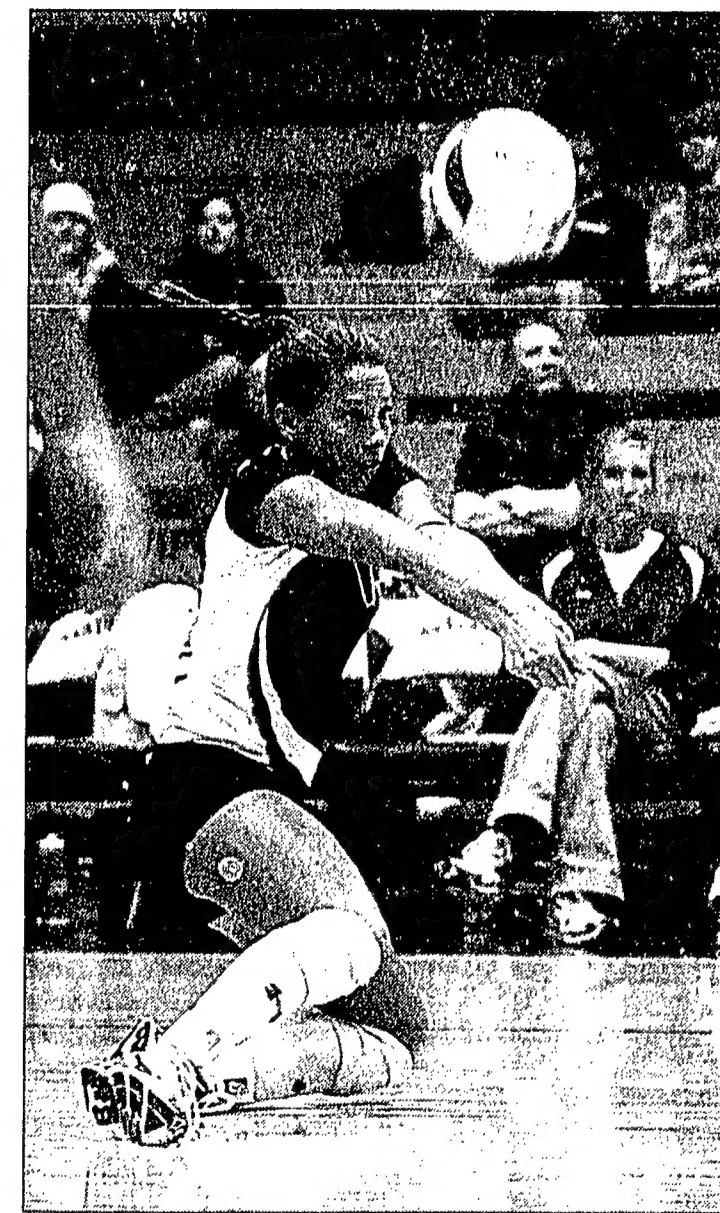
"They're a very scrappy defensive team (Central) and they stay with it and they don't let it up," Tool said.

Northwest nearly had Central beat in the second game. With the 'Cats and Jennies tied at 29-29, Andrea Robertson had two consecutive kills to give Central the win. Freshman Priscilla Bremer led with six kills, along with 20 assists from Hankins.

"We had a game point opportunity and just didn't capitalize on it," Tool said. "It just proves to you how much, when you have that chance, you can't let it slip away."

Coming out of the half, the 'Cats took it to the Jennies for a 30-17 win in the third game. Northwest also posted their highest attack percentage of the night with a .405 mark.

The 'Cats then went from their highest attack percentage to their lowest percentage in the fourth game. After falling 30-21, they finished the fourth game with a .019



Junior Katie Stilwell reaches low to return a ball during the game against Central Missouri Saturday. Stilwell racked up 17 digs in the 3-1 loss to the Jennies.

attack percentage.

"I think our ball control wasn't as strong as it could have been," Hankins said.

The 'Cats travel to Missouri Western at 7 p.m. Friday for a rematch against the Griffons. Tool said the win against Rockhurst will be a great lead-up for the match.

"We'll have to play hard Friday because they'll (Western) have a lot of confidence going in," Tool said. "We'll have to keep the same mentality (as they had against Rockhurst)."

Northwest takes on No. 1 Truman State at 2 p.m. Saturday in Kirksville, with MIAA quarterfinals starting Tuesday at a site to be determined after next week's games.

The conference was split this season into east and west divisions with the addition of Fort Hays State. Northwest is a member of the east division.

SHAKE IT LIKE A POLAROID PICTURE



Senior forward Victor James shakes it with the men's basketball team during Midnight Madness Thursday night. The men's team is ranked No. 7 going into this season.

-NW CROSS COUNTRY

Runners can't compete with stiff competition

Sam Robinson
Missourian Reporter

On a flat course and with virtually no wind, one could not envision a better opportunity.

But with the exception of one runner's All-Conference performance, the Northwest cross-country teams fell victim to stiff competition at Saturday's MIAA Conference Championships at Southwest Baptist University.

Senior Matt Pohren's fifth place result headlined the afternoon for the men's team who finished fifth overall while the women's group finished in eighth place.

Pohren ran the 8K in 24:58.75 for a personal best and earned his second consecutive All-Conference honor as he took sixth in 2005.

Men's coach Richard Alsop, felt pleased with Pohren's showing, while he could have been followed more closely by his teammates.

"We didn't have a mediocre day

but we had three or four people who could have finished packed up with our number one man," Alsop said.

The men's team faced an uphill battle in running without senior Drew Wilson, an All-Conference performer from a season ago. They got some production from juniors Brandon Dart and Bichok Dong, who finished 21st and 23rd respectively in a field of 71. Dart, Dong and the remaining six runners each notched personal record times.

On the women's side the meet did not go as well with the team finishing in last place. The team sent a very raw group to the meet with no seniors and only one junior and saw the majority of their runners finish near the bottom.

Women's coach Scott Lorek saw his young squad get intimidated early on and never recover.

"We didn't deal with the mental things well at all," Lorek said. "Stress, pressure, that kind of mental intensity but it was nothing physical at all.

We just shot ourselves in the foot mentally."

The two most experienced runners the team: sophomore Anna O'Brien and junior Karah Spader finished much closer to the top of the pack. O'Brien, who has first place finish to her credit this season, finished in 18th place while Spader followed closely in 21st.

"It was a pretty intense meet being one of the best conferences in the nation," Spader said. "It was really stressful for a lot of the freshmen and we probably put too much emphasis on this meet and as a team we didn't run the best that we could. You have to make mistakes in order to learn something and we learned a lot from that meet and I think we'll be ready for regionals."

Both of Saturday's team title went to Missouri Southern State University. The Bearcats have this weekend off then send their best seven runners to the NCAA regionals in Warrensburg.

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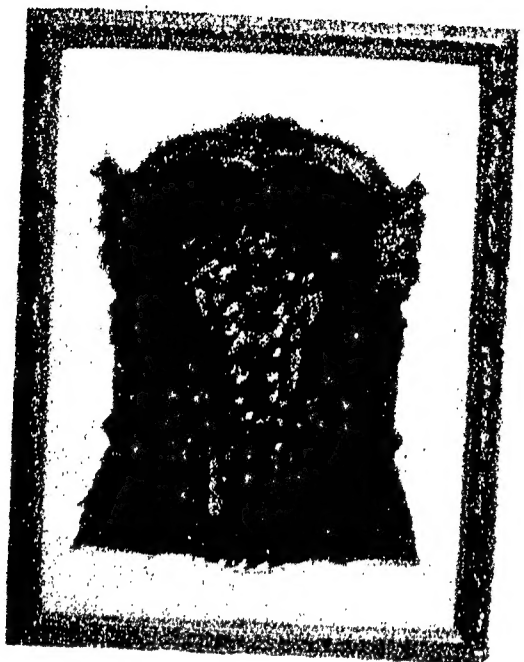
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Hindu: Not just a religion, more than a lifestyle



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Daman Singh dances in celebration of the Hindu festival Diwali Saturday. Some of the men wore traditional garb called pajama kurta to the event hosted by the Indian Student Association.

Kristin Summers
Chief Reporter

He isn't Buddhist.
He isn't Muslim.
He was born in India and practices Hindu, one of the oldest religions.

However, it is also one the most misunderstood religions. As a result, followers of the Hindu religion have dealt with a lot of misconceptions and stereotypes.

For example, Northwest Student Ayan Daftari, 25, president of the Indian Student Association, was in a liquor store when a customer made terrorist comments about other Indian customers wearing turbans.

Daftari said he experienced people calling a group of Indians terrorists before in Kansas City. He said people assume since he practices Hindu that he is Buddhist or even Muslim because some people believe they are the same religion.

Despite misconceptions, Northwest students, who follow Hinduism, still continue to practice.

Northwest students Sudhamsh Mahankali and Naveen Kodam, both 23 and roommates, practice Hinduism in their apartment. Mahankali prays every day before 8 a.m. In the corner of their living room is a wooden shelf with pictures of the different gods they worship and a small book with prayers.

Mahankali said he prays every morning after taking a bath because they must be clean, with clean clothes before each person prays separately.

Though he doesn't pray everyday like Mahankali or Kodam, Daftari said he says a 30-second chant as a prayer that he has known since he was little.

What is Hinduism?

Hinduism is a body of religion, philosophy and culture native to India, characterized by a belief in reincarnation and a supreme being of many forms, according to the American Heritage Dictionary.

There are several theories of how Hinduism came to be. One of which says Hinduism came from the Vedic religion of ancient India. All the different divisions of Hinduism relate back to this religion, according to Answers.com, a Web site designed for researching information.

Of all the Vedas, there is one book that is the most important, Daftari said, which is the Bhagavad-Gita. The book consists of information about the gods.

Hinduism, Buddhism and Muslim are different in several aspects. Hinduism wasn't founded by a prophet as Buddhism and Islam were. Buddhism was created by the prophet Buddha and the Islam religion was founded by the prophet Muhammad, Omsakthi.org, a Web site that defines differences between the major world religions.

Hinduism is similar to Christianity in the sense that there are different divisions of the religion. Christianity is divided into faiths such as Baptist, Catholics and Methodist. Hinduism is divided the same way.

Hinduism has several Gods with their own specific task, Mahankali said. There are several other gods but there are three gods that are the most important, Brahma, Shiva and Vishnu.

Brahma is the creator, Vishnu is the keeper and protector of the world and Shiva is the destroyer of evil. There are reincarnations of the three main gods as well as other gods in Hinduism, Daftari said.

In Hinduism, animals are considered holy. The cow is considered holy and also a goddess. Mahankali said animals are equal to human beings.

Mahankali and Kodam both from Hyderabad, India, eat only chicken or goat though Hinduism says not to eat



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Hindu student Arpit Sharma describes traditional Indian fare to Northwest students Rob Land and Amanda Schellinger.

meat at all and to live off vegetables.

Daftari said he tried beef for the first time when he came to the United States and thought it tasted funny. He eats seafood, chicken, pork and sometimes beef.

Indian Culture

People in India are taught English in kindergarten but also learn Hindi, the national language of India, in their studies, Daftari said. Telugu, Marathi, Kannada, Tamil and Gujarati are some of the languages spoken in India.

Though Hindi is the national language, English is either taught as a primary or secondary language because of the education system brought to India, Daftari said.

Daftari speaks English, Arabic, Hindi, Marathi, Gujarati, Punjabi and Kashmiri. Mahankali speaks English, Hindi and Telugu.

Growing up Daftari said, his parents spoke to him 80 percent of the time in English and the other 20 percent in Marathi.

"English and Hindi have an equal place in India," Daftari said.

Kodam said he hasn't had any problems in the United States dealing with Hinduism. He said he likes the government in the United States because it is easier to contact people in the government.

He said you would either have to have a connection to the Indian government to talk to a government official.

People in India follow a more collective approach, always working together, Daftari said, and he has noticed people in the United States are more individualistic.

"We people of India have picked up the good parts of western culture," Daftari said.

Some of the good points of western culture that India has picked up, Daftari said, is the sense of independence especially from parents. But a negative point, he said, is the fact that children who are independent are around to help care for their parents when they are older.

Mahankali said he has a lot of respect for the western culture and doesn't know of a place on the Northwest

campus where people practice Hinduism.

Daftari said there isn't a difference between practicing Hinduism in India or the United States because of the temples spread out throughout the United States.

Though some sources say said Hinduism is more of a lifestyle than a religion, Mahankali and Kodam disagree.

"It's a religion but looks like a lifestyle," Kodam said.

Daftari believes that Hinduism is a lifestyle and not a religion due to some of the aspects of Hinduism, like yoga and karma.

He said he tries to focus on the spiritual level of Hinduism, living life by the belief of karma, which means whatever you put into a situation, is what you get out of it, Daftari said.

Hindu gods doesn't give messages to its' followers but shows a way for people to live their life, Daftari said.

ISA will be hosting an authentic Indian dinner from 6 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom. Tickets will be going on sale Nov. 6. Ticket prices vary and can be picked up at the Student Services Desk or by an ISA member.

Festivals

■There are several festivals dealing with the Hindu religion: Dussehra, Pongal, Rakhi, Ganesh Chaturthi, and Diwali, Mahankali said.

■Diwali means festival of lights and ended Saturday, Oct. 21. The festival symbolizes the victory of good against evil. The story behind Diwali, Daftari said, in ancient India an Indian hero named Rama married a beautiful princess that was abducted by evil. Rama finds her therefore good overpowered evil.

■The festival is celebrated in India with new clothes, Mahankali said with each festival they must have new clothes, fireworks and clay lamps lit and placed outside homes on the street.